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CPN's RWD #3 turns tap to begin water flow

Dale, Oklahoma welcomes flowing, treated water



Backed up by Dale schools students who now have flowing, treated water, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett addresses a celebration marking the CPN-owned Rural Water District #3 provision of water to Dale, Oklahoma.

In its more than 115 years of existence, the community of Dale has lacked something most Americans take advantage of many times each day – treated water flowing from a faucet, shower, or fountain. That all changed on Earth Day (Wednesday, April 22) as water became

available from the Citizen Potawatomi Nation-owned Rural Water District #3.

The Dale school system, Kindergarten through 12th grade, is more than just the center of the community. Other than the approximately 85 homes and three churches, it IS Dale. Charles Dickinson is Dale

schools superintendent. He has been a Dale resident for 29 years.

Dickinson believes his classrooms offer quality education. Dale Pirate athletes give better than they take in competition. But, Dickinson and the Dale Board of Education have been hamstrung as they seek to improve facilities.

If Dale schools officials are to build a new facility or improve an existing one, they will have to obtain a building permit. The building permit would carry a requirement for a fire sprinkler system. Dickinson says the well that supplies Dale schools' water cannot do so with enough pressure for effective fire suppression.

Water flowing in the Rural Water District #3 pipes will provide the pressure required for fire-fighting. Already, something previously foreign to Dale and the school grounds has been put in place – the community's first-ever fire hydrant.

Looking long-term, Dickinson says that access to treated water does many things for school officials. "We can now remodel some of our existing buildings," he said. "As we have added new buildings, due to health rules, we have had to be ... very careful about where we put them. We can't connect them to an existing building. There's a lot of things you can't do because it would require us putting in a sprinkler system."

John 'Rocky' Barrett, CPN Chairman, says provision of treated water is another instance in which the Indian nation is a good neighbor. "However, there is more at work here than just a desire to be friendly and do the right thing," Chairman Barrett said. "This is a great example of what can

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Walking On

Sarah May Johnson

Sarah May Johnson, age 68, of Rossville, Kansas passed away on Friday, April 10, 2009 in Topeka, Kansas. She was born February 16, 1941 in Tonganoxie, Kansas, the daughter of Fred Cox and Violet Lucy Lewis Cox.

Ms. Johnson graduated from Friends Academy in Haviland, Kansas. She worked for Hallmark Cards in Lawrence, retiring in 1998. She married Lafayette Bob Onstad in 1961. They later divorced. She married Arden E. Johnson in 1989. He preceded her in death in 2004.

She was an active member of all units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. She was also an active member of the Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence.

She is survived by a son, David French of Alhambra, California; a daughter, Kimberley Beach of Rossville; a brother, John Cox of Tonganoxie; a sister, Mary Bartlett of Fruitvale, Texas; eight grandchildren, Joe Beach, Jr., John Beach, Lafe Beach, Blake Beach, Kami Beach, Azhen French, Joshua French, and Summer French; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Westside Presbyterian Church in Lawrence. Visitation was from 10:00 a.m. until service time on April 14 at the church. Cremation followed the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Rebekah Assembly of Kansas, ALS Clinic at K.U. Medical Center, or the Westside Presbyterian Church and sent in care of the Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka.

Pauline Kremenak Shearer

Pauline Kremenak Shearer was born in 1920, in Toledo, Iowa, and passed away January 21, 2008, at her home in Oklahoma City. She was the daughter of Frank, Sr. and Elizabeth Kremenak.

Ms. Shearer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Toledo, Iowa. She was educated in the Toledo Public Schools and graduated as valedictorian of her class. She went to Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she met and married Robert Leo Shearer.

Pauline raised her children near several military bases and ultimately in Toledo while Bob served in the 29th Division in

WWII. Upon Robert's discharge, they returned to Dallas, Texas. They were members of the Casa Linda Presbyterian Church.

After retirement, they moved to their ranch outside Terrell, Texas, where they were members of the College Mound United Methodist Church. They raised horses and cattle and traveled extensively by Airstream trailer throughout the United States.

Later, Pauline and Bob moved to Oklahoma City to be near their daughter, Ann Manley. Pauline was a member of Our Lord's Community Church in Oklahoma City. She was also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Pauline was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Robert, and her parents Frank and Elizabeth Kremenak. She was also preceded in death by her grandparents, John Anderson Jr. and Sophia Muller Anderson and Joe Kremenak and Polly Kubic Kremenak.

She is survived by three brothers, Frank Kremenak Jr. of Eugene, Oregon, John Kremenak of Bryan, Texas, and Albert Kremenak of Toledo. She is also survived by three children, Robert A. Shearer and wife, Linda, Bruce L. Shearer and wife, Jean, and Ann Shearer Manley and husband, Scott. Seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive her.

The family would like to thank Mercy Hospital Hospice, and Pauline's special caregivers, Cynthia, Trisha, Krystal, Chris, and Brenda for the loving care they provided.

Cards and flowers may be sent to Smith & Kernke, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma or memorials may be sent to College Mound United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 793, Terrell, TX 75160.

Louis W. Bruno Jr.

Buchanan, Michigan -- Louis W. Bruno Jr., 69, of Buchanan, Michigan died of natural causes on Friday, November 14, 2008 at 4:12 p.m. in the Lakeland Hospital in Niles, Michigan. He was born on August 28, 1939, the son of Louis W. and Lucille (Topash) Bruno in Pawnee, Oklahoma. On August 29, 1961, he married Dorothy Perkins in Buchanan.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy Bruno; daughters Kim and her husband Tim DeMott of Hastings, Michigan and Annette Layher and her husband Rick of Buchanan; sons, Bill Carson and his wife Teresa of Buchanan, Clifford Carson of Vacaville, California, and Louie W. Bruno and his wife Jen of Lusby, Maryland; a sister, Shirley Stiles of Plymouth, Indiana; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Louis graduated from Buchanan High School in 1958. In 1992 he retired from Semco Gas Company. He was an outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and lawn work. He could often be found at the big table at McDonald's having coffee and conversation with friends.

The funeral service was held on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Niles. The Rev. Dave Otto officiated. Visitation was on November 16, 2008, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the 8wem Funeral Home in Buchanan, with a prayer service following at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 322 Clay, Niles, MI 49120 or to the American Diabetes Association.

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If you are a tribal member student at Oklahoma State University or a tribal member living in or around Stillwater, I would like your email address to coordinate local meet and greets, sport and kid activities, and to introduce myself to all the Citizen Potawatomi I see driving around town and parked on campus.

Please email me at Lisa@CopperBearConsulting.com.

Paid for by Lisa Kraft

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Destinations: Creekview Country Cottage Bed & Breakfast



CPN member Andrea Young and husband Drake Sexton own the Creekview Country Cottage Bed & Breakfast in Muncy, Pennsylvania. Young invites fellow Potawatomis to enjoy the Pennsylvania peace and quiet at the Creekview.

Travelers searching for a natural hide-away will find peace, quiet, and happiness at this secluded bed & breakfast owned by a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. In the Pennsylvania woods, Andrea Young, a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member, and Drake Sexton offer two individual private cottages and two rooms in their home, as well.

The private cottages are favorites and attract many return guests. Each cottage offers complete living amenities - its own full kitchen, baths, skylights, living room, king bedroom, TV, and WiFi connection, providing everything that is needed.

However, the surroundings are the key! Muncy Creek runs through the property and is just 100 feet away. All the wildlife and beauty one might hope for are there. Many hundreds of woodland acres and adjacent neighbors' farms make it a very quiet, peaceful environment. Moonlight reflecting on the creek is among the quiet enjoyments, along with walks on the private woodland paths.

A covered bridge is just two miles away. An authentic, refurnished one-room schoolhouse is four miles. Rickett's Glen State Park is an easy, 30-minute drive away. It features a lake and a whole mountainside of lovely waterfalls trails. The mighty Susquehanna River, just 10 miles away, offers canoe, kayak, or float trips.

Jack Tescier, Andrea Sexton's grandfather who was raised near Shawnee, Oklahoma, bought the property in 1948. At

that time, there was no electricity or water in the house; the family used an 'out-house.' But, Jack soon installed running water, electricity, and central heat so the family was much more comfortable.

Jack, his wife Alma, their son Jack Jr., and daughters Andrea and Candy lived there for years. They all learned to swim in the creek. Their hand-dug garden, several dozen chickens, a few pigs, and milk from Bessie the cow provided a fine life. The township named Tescier Road after the family.

Today, Andrea and Drake live on the homestead. They have modernized the farm further so the new main house now has all the comforts including WiFi, TV, geothermal heat, AC, pure water, and generous space. Young and Sexton don't keep farm animals any more but do raise a vegetable garden. Their 'green' attitudes, first taught by Jack, extend to enthusiastic recycling, energy conservation, and respect for the environment.

Andrea invests lots of energy in conservation efforts with the local watershed association and has been on its board for 11 years. She teaches environmental education and awareness with schools, scouts, and clubs.

For contact information and more photos please view the Creekview Cottage listing on www.BedandBreakfast.com, destination Muncy, Pennsylvania, or visit Creekview's own Web site at www.creekviewcountrycottagebnb.com.



These photos show the living room, dining room, and bedroom at a unit at the Creekview Bed & Breakfast in Muncy, Pennsylvania, along with the nearby covered bridge and a mother deer and her fawn grazing outside one of the Creekview units.

Online Festival registration is now available



With the 2009 Family Reunion Festival rapidly nearing, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has made online pre-registration available at its Web site, www.Potawatomi.org. A flash video element in the home page's lower left corner contains a live link that clicks through to the Festival registration page.

Once at the registration page, the tribal member will need to use his Tribal Roll number and date of birth to reach a second page at which he enters an Ancestor (family) name and whether this is the year in which his Citizen Potawatomi family is one of the eight being honored. (These families are being honored in 2009: Acton, Bergeron, Curley, Delonais, Greemore, Levier, Negahnquet, and Pam-bogo.)

Members can register as many relatives who will attend as they need to in an online registration session. After all prospective Festival attendees have been entered, the user ends the session.

Online pre-registration significantly speeds the in-person registration process, allowing attendees to spend much less time in line before beginning to enjoy Festival events. Online registration will be available through Friday, June 19.

Election information is available at www.CPNElectionCentral.org. Vote in 2009!!

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be accomplished when neighbors co-operate to work toward a future where opportunities are greater for everyone."

"These great people in Dale want to make available the best education possible for their children, so they can achieve an ever-improving standard of living" Barrett added. "We at the CPN want that, too, for that reason and so our enterprises and programs and all the businesses in this area have well-trained, well-educated employees available. We CAN accomplish these goals when we co-operate and use all the tools at our disposal."

Dickinson is not saying that improvements to Dale's 1980s-era gymnasium are imminent. However, air conditioning that metal facility and making some other renovations are at the top of the list of improvements he hopes to tackle now that installing a functioning sprinkler system is possible.

With the water from RWD #3, school officials and Dale residents can cease relying on the individually-owned water wells that are vulnerable to bacteria infections that could come from septic tanks scattered across the community. To guard



Dale's first-ever fire hydrant showers water as part of the celebration.

against that type of health problem, Dale schools officials must make frequently make water samples available for government testing. That chore will now be part of the past.

Richard Kunze oversees operations of the rural water district for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He is a Dale native, having attended school there for 13 years before heading off to Oklahoma State

University.

Kunze is proud of playing a role in opening doors to additional progress for his home town. He points out that this is a product of the Nation's and CPN Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett's vision for economic growth and improvement of the quality of life of CPN members and their neighbors.

When the CPN's FireLake Grand Casino was constructed, the Nation included building a water treatment plant to serve its needs and attend to those of its neighbors. "It's the first step in our progress to ... deliver water to significant portions of the more heavily populated northern part of (Pottawatomie) County," he said.

Having invested more than \$1 million in RWD #3 when it was formed in the late 1990s, the CPN stepped up to purchase the Wanette-based district's ownership when it experienced financial difficulties. In that original area of operation, the water district is making flowing, treated water available to the southern heart of the territory Potawatomis occupied when they migrated from Kansas to Oklahoma in the 1870s. Many Potawatomis and other Native Americans still live in that part of

Pottawatomie County.

CPN Chairman Barrett and Kunze offered heartfelt appreciation to Pottawatomie County Commissioners Buck Day, Bob Guinn, and Jerry Richards, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and other individuals and agencies that assisted in making expansion of the water district and treated-water service to Dale a reality.

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Initial Objectives if selected to be your representative:

-Increased exposure and availability in Rossville Office and other locations; such as Wichita, Kansas City Area, and western Kansas.

-Develop programs and events to broaden the understanding of the CPN culture, traditions and history, particularly the early history of the tribal presence in Kansas, while creating an interest within the younger generations of our CPN families.

-I will strongly support the Nation's objectives in providing reasonable and affordable services and benefits to its members, while continuing to seek new opportunities to expand existing benefits and establish new ones as they can be financially supported.

-Work toward establishing an organization of District #4 CPN Veterans.

E-mail me at boursaw4district4@cox.net - More info at www.jon4dist4.com

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I BELIEVE IN OUR FUTURE!

For generations my family has been working for our future. My great-great grandfather, John Charles Anderson Sr., was one of the original families to start the Oklahoma reservation. He also served on one of the first business committees.

My 20-plus years of military service to our country and 15 years at Boeing Aircraft Co. have prepared me to take on the important role of representing you. I am ready and have the time and energy to help manage our tribal affairs.

Through this position, I will assist and encourage our tribal members to value our heritage and learn our language and the ceremonies that our elders so loved. At the present time, I am taking language lessons and learning the ceremonies so dear to our fathers before us.

AS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE I WILL LEAD YOU INTO THE FUTURE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR TRIBE AND ITS PEOPLE. IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ME AND WHAT I THINK, GO TO THIS WEB SITE:
<http://www.edwardanderson.org/memory.html>.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE.

MIGWECH

WILLIAM EDWARD ANDERSON/NAHMANKWET (LEAD CLOUD)

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Potawatomi Language - Weather Words

Remember a as in father

i - as in need, seed

o - as in go, Sow

e - ih, uh.

When an n or m follows usually an ih sound. Sen - (Sihn)-rock

E' - eh

Ni je e'zhewe'bek zagech? - How is the weather outside?

Ksenyamget. - It's cold

Yabwamget. - It's warm

Gshate'mget. - It's hot

Wiskede'mget. - It's blazing hot.

Noden. - It's windy.

Tkeyamget. - It's cool.

Nmetsena. - I don't know.

Kche noden. - It's really windy.

Wi kmowen gaga she. - It's going to rain soon.

Gmowen. - It's raining.

Bonimget. - It's snowing.

Wenbisa. - It's drizzling.

Bidankwet. - clouds are approaching.

Niskadet. - It's stormy.

Mkomis mget. - It's hailing.

Jigwek bmosewat. - The thunders are walking. *

Gnebech ndabidakochge anet sema. - Perhaps I should put some tobacco down.**

Wenet gishpen emadmoyen. - It would be good if you prayed.

Wawyasto. - Tornado.

**The thunders are seen as living spirits. **Traditionally, when a storm approached, our people would go out and put some tobacco down and say a prayer, asking for our families to be safe. Usually, they would put down this tobacco on a rock that was placed on the side of a tree.*



Wawyasto



Bonimget

RE-ELECT ADAME

It seems just like yesterday that I was sworn in as your 4th district representative from Kansas. In this time I have learned many things about our government, culture, and Citizens. I have met many of you in this short time at our pow wow, flu clinic, my office, and naming ceremonies. But my work is just beginning.

In comparison to our long history as a tribe, my one year in office has been brief but filled with growth. I have listened to Citizens and know their major concern is passing their heritage to the next generation. That is why I have been active in establishing cultural events in Rossville.

At every activity I have been building on the e-mail list I attained from CPN. Through this media I have been able to reach many of you to listen to your concerns or notify you of something as little as making campground reservations for the Festival in Shawnee. It is communication that has brought us together as a district.

When re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure that Citizens in business are notified and given an opportunity to be included in the bidding process. I will continue to expand on the cultural classes I have established. I will continue to build a network of contacts of resources for education, and continue to work hard to make sure our funds are spent wisely.

As a native Kansan and an eighth-generation leader from the Navarre family, I look forward to our continued progress as a district and a Nation.

Theresa Adame

Re-Elect Theresa Adame, Representative, District #4

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Attention CPN Artists

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Contest for 2009 has been expanded to include the opportunity to enter via photograph of your artwork.

Adults (artists who are 15 and older) can enter by bringing their artwork to Family Reunion Festival or by mailing or e-mailing photographs of their artwork to Art Contest, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801 or MDodson@Potawatomi.org.

Adults who bring their artwork to Festival will compete for prizes of \$300, \$200, and \$100 for First, Second, and Third places. Artists who enter via photograph will compete for prizes of \$150, \$100, or \$50.

There will be two entry categories for Adult artists: 1) Paintings, Sketches, and Portraits and 2) All Other Media.

Younger CPN artists will compete in three age categories: five through eight, nine through 12, and 13 through 16. Fifteen- and 16-year-old artists can choose whether to enter the Youth Contest or the Adult Contest. The Youth Art Contest will feature categories for both 1) Paintings, Sketches, and Portraits and 2) All Other Media.

Youth artists will compete for gift cards redeemable at CPN enterprises. The deadline for entry via photograph is 12:00 Midnight on May 31, 2009.

Potawatomi Cornerstone: Woodrow Crumbo

(Editor's note: Woodrow Crumbo might very well be the greatest Citizen Potawatomi artist. This month -April 2009- marked the 20th year since his passing at age 77 on April 4, 1989. Tribal Rolls Director Charles Clark's Potawatomi Cornerstone this month marks the passage of that anniversary and reminds CPN members of the vast depth and breadth of Mr. Crumbo's accomplishments.)

Woodrow Crumbo was born in 1912 on his mother's reservation allotment near Lexington, Oklahoma. Crumbo's father, Alex, was a horse trader who died when the youngster was just four. The family moved to the Potawatomi lands in Kansas where Crumbo attended grade school. When he was seven his mother died. Being orphaned, his education was stopped for ten years when he was in the third grade, and he moved in with a Creek Indian family near Sand Springs, Oklahoma. For the next 10 years, Crumbo lived with many different Indian families in the area.

At age 17, he resumed his education when he enrolled in the eighth grade at the Chillocco Indian School and began the study of art, anthropology, and history. There he met and became friends with a group of Kiowa youths, and during summers and school breaks Crumbo lived with them near Anadarko. The boys were taught and influenced by Susie Peters, who was the major figure in encouraging traditional art style among Oklahoma Indians. It was during this time that Woody Crumbo was allowed to take up the tradition of making and playing the ceremonial cedar wood flute of the Kiowas. This distinction came as a result of his musical ability and intense interest in Indian culture and heritage. He passed the tradition back to a young Kiowa man through the appropriate ceremony in 1976.

At the age of 19, Crumbo was given a scholarship to attend the American Indian Institute in Wichita, Kansas, a Presbyterian school for young Indians with exceptional skills. He graduated three years later, valedictorian of his class. Crumbo's education continued when he attended Wichita University from 1933 to 1936 and studied mural technique with Olaf Nordmark, watercolor with Clayton Henri Staples, and painting and drawing with Oscar Brousse Jacobson. During those years,



Woody Crumbo poses in his Taos, New Mexico studio.

Crumbo earned his living as an Indian dancer, and his reputation for excellence quickly spread.

In 1933, through a government sponsored program, he led a group of 13 dancers on a tour of many Indian reservations in the nation. From each tribe he learned traditions and dances, and in turn, shared what he knew with them. Dozens of traditional songs and dances were perpetuated and disseminated through his efforts.

Crumbo's musical talents on the flute were likewise spotlighted through appearances with the Wichita Symphony. Crumbo became a summer teacher for youth programs while he studied at Wichita.

His instruction of Indian arts and crafts took him to camps and programs in Colorado where he taught Boy Scouts, inspiring many young boys to become interested in American Indian culture. His work with the scouts continued through the years.

Crumbo's skill as an artist was acknowledged by Susie Peters in 1932 when she sold 22 of his paintings to the San Francisco Museum of Art, where they remain as part of their permanent collection. However, it was his Kiowa friends who had first encouraged him: thus, as some of them had done, Crumbo enrolled at the University of Oklahoma in 1936. There he studied with Oscar Jacobson for

two years. He also taught the first classes in jewelry making offered at the University, specializing in silversmithing. He invented and held the patents on jewelry making tools.

In 1938 Crumbo accepted the offer to become Director of Art at Bacone College, a position held for three years. Bacone was a four year liberal arts college sponsored by the American Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Students who studied with him include Willard Stone and C. Terry Saul. Other renowned Indian artists such as Blackbear Bosin were influenced by Crumbo even though they did not attend Bacone. While at the college, Crumbo designed and constructed the stained glass window in the Rose Chapel. It is possibly the only Indian-created and Indian religion motif stained glass window in the world. The smaller windows in the Chapel were also made by him.

During the summer months from 1939 to 1941, Crumbo and a few other Indian artists were commissioned by the U.S. Department of Interior to study mural painting with Olaf Normandy and to paint murals in the Interior Department building in Washington, D.C. His works there are the Buffalo Hunt, Peyote Bird and Symbols, Flute Player, Wild Horses, and two others. In 1943 he was commissioned to paint the mural Rainbow Trail in the Post Office in Nowata, Oklahoma.

In 1941, Crumbo moved to Wichita to work for Cessna Aircraft, and in 1942 moved to Tulsa, where he worked at Douglas Aircraft for the duration of World War II. It was in 1941 that he married his Creek Indian wife, Lillian Faye Hogue; they were the parents of two children, Minisa and Woody Max, both of whom carry on the artistic traditions of the family.

In 1945, Crumbo's contributions and talents were acknowledged when he was selected for the annual Julius Rosenwald Fellowship, the only American Indian ever to receive the award. Also, from 1945 to mid-1948, he was employed by the Thomas Gilcrease Institute in Tulsa to assemble an American Indian art collection. Most of the Indian art collection presently there was selected by Crumbo. Mr. Gilcrease purchased many of Crumbo's paintings which remain in the collection. When the Philbrook Art

Museum in Tulsa was opened in 1939, the first Indian painting that it received was Woody Crumbo's "Deer and Birds". Approximately 10 years later, Crumbo was instrumental in getting Philbrook to sponsor an Indian art show. It became, and remains the most important and best-known Indian art show in the world. In 1976, as State Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Bicentennial Commission, he persuaded the Gilcrease Institute to have an Oklahoma Indian Bicentennial Art Show.

In 1948 Crumbo and his family moved to Taos, New Mexico, which became their home during most of the following 14 years. While in Taos, Woody worked with the Taos Pueblo scout troop headed by Eliseo Concho. On a few occasions the Taos Scouts, Eliseo and Woody would make a trip to La Junta and perform in the Koshare Kiva. Woody was the first artist to display at the Koshare Indian Museum on November 13, 1949, at the formal dedication of the building. That same day the Koshare Indian Dancers purchased the Eagle Dancer from Woody. (The Koshare Indian Dancers are the members of Boy Scout Troop 232 and Venturing Crew 2230

of the Rocky Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America. Troop 232 is a Scout troop like many others, and has a full program of Scouting activities, including camping, advancement, and summer camp.)

The relationship with the Koshares and Buck Burshears grew while Woody lived in Taos and the friendship would last a lifetime.

He worked as a free-lance artist utilizing many different mediums. Crumbo had been, and continued, painting with oils; his famous painting, "Spotted Wolf's Last Request" is an oil completed in the mid-1950's. He was inspired to commemorate the American Indians who participated in the U.S. Armed Services. For his subject, he used the request of PFC Clarence Spotted Wolf, a Sioux Indian, who wanted to be honored with a parade by his people should he be killed in action during World War II. Shortly after he made his request, Spotted Wolf died defending his country.

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Woody Crumbo's "Eagle Dancer"
Junta, Colorado.

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Crumbo had studied etching techniques with Nordmark in 1939, and had developed unique skill in silk screening techniques. By means of printmaking, he wanted to make American Indian art accessible to more than just a few collectors, creating greater interest in American Indian art by making original works available at reasonable prices. His etchings show a detail and beauty that reflect unusual self-discipline and ability, and his silk screens are often created through the utilization of as many as 16 screens.

Crumbo won awards for the quality and beauty of his silk screens, which are con-

sidered to be of the highest quality. His most widely known theme is the Spirit Horse; his various renditions of Spirit Horse on silk screen are perhaps the most wide-spread Indian paintings in the world, and have been responsible for creating interest in American Indian culture among many non-Indian people.

In 1960, Woody Crumbo was named Assistant Director of the El Paso, Texas, Museum of Art and in 1968, was appointed Director. While in El Paso, he heard of the plight of a group of Ysleta Pueblo Indians of New Mexico who had years earlier moved to El Paso. They had lost both their identity as Indians and their tribal status. Crumbo obtained legal assistance and was responsible for the group regaining their tribal status, helping build a community center and obtaining health care. Crumbo worked as diligently on other projects for the improvement of Indian life and culture.

While the Koshares visited him at the El Paso Museum of Arts, Crumbo told the group that he was losing his interest in painting. Buck Burshears convinced Crumbo to take up residence in La Junta and open a gallery in town. In October of 1968, Woody and his family moved to La Junta, Colorado.

After moving from El Paso to La Junta, he became the community's most famous artist-in-residence. But he was much more than that to the Koshare Indians. From the start, he attended scout meetings, dance practices and handicraft sessions. He made several trips with the Koshares. Woody's studio was a popular place to visit. He was always gracious with visitors, ready to talk about what he is doing and why. He helped clean and revarnish many of the paintings in the Koshare collection. Woody became an Honorary Member of the Koshare Indian Dancers in 1968 and was elected a Koshare Key Leader in 1970.

In 1974, he and his wife moved to Okmulgee, Oklahoma, where he continued his art and humanitarian activities. He assisted the Potawatomis in building their cultural heritage center near Shawnee. Woody Crumbo's paintings are in numerous museums, galleries and private collections including the University of Oklahoma; The Minneapolis Institute of Arts; Museum of Northern Arizona; Indian Arts and Crafts Board of the U.S. Department of Interior; The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City;
See WOODY CRUMBO on page 11

Patrick Shannon CPN Representative, District #8

I feel that the representation of the Northwest deserves time and commitment from somebody who can carry on the like-mindedness of my grandmother, Jacqueline Taylor.

I believe my background in public service would be beneficial to our district - advocating for the welfare of our elders, investing in our future leaders through education, and honoring the history of our heritage. The recent change in our government enables the chance for all of our voices to be heard. I would proudly serve my fellow members with an open ear and mind. Please vote Patrick Shannon for District #8.

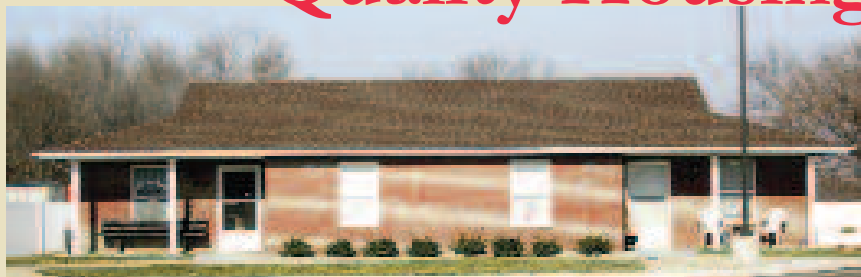
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ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Here's the problem: Certified tribal candidates have the right to send direct mail to you stating their views and platforms so long as they don't send anything anonymously. However, the tribal administration refuses to release enrolled members' names and addresses to candidates or even to your tribal legislators, saying they're not authorized to give out this information. Let's assume that's correct.

Here's the answer: As a private citizen you have the right to submit names and addresses to be entered on a mailing list. Please send the names and addresses of all the tribal members you can think of to Team Finch. We'll organize a list of tribal members who have given their permission to be kept fully informed. We'll also provide copies to all candidates and tribal legislators on request if they agree to abide by tribal law prohibiting anonymous mailings. You may request to have your own name removed at any time.

All candidates will benefit equally from having this information.

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The CPCDC can help you evaluate your business ideas and make a plan to turn those ideas into a reality!

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The CPCDC provides assistance in the following areas of business:

Structuring the business
Conducting market research
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Creating a strategic plan
Managing finances
Developing a business plan
Preparing a loan application
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Call Kristi Coker at 405-878-4697.

Wabaunsee County, Kansas Sesquicentennial Celebration

Officials and residents of Wabaunsee County, Kansas are planning the area's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The date will be June 6, 2009.

CPN Legislator Theresa Adame and CPN member Betty Semeca have joined the committee making plans for the event. Rep. Adame is a descendent of Chief Wabaunsee.

Adame is requesting involvement by interested CPN members and has invited Chief Wabaunsee's descendants to provide ideas and to attend the event.

Anyone wanting to suggest activities or to obtain more information can contact Rep. Adame by telephone at 785-584-6822 or by e-mail at TAdame@Potawatomi.org.

Organizers plan to bring Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation members into the celebration because of Wabaunsee descendants within the PBPB.

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CPN Chairman 2009 election = 3 candidates.

Self-pay travel expenses = 2 candidates.

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Woody Crumbo, con't. from page 7



Woody Crumbo's Spotted Wolf's Last Request

Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., among many others.

Both Queen Elizabeth of England and the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, own complete numbered sets of Crumbo's etchings and silk screens. Presidents of the United States and political leaders of other nations have purchased his art. The art of Woody Crumbo communicates the spirit of the American Indian in

harmony with nature and all men. Crumbo was also a novelist and poet. He died in 1989.

Of his career, he wrote: "Half of my life passed in striving to complete the pictorial record of Indian history, religion, rituals, customs, way of life, and philosophies . . . a graphic record that a million words could not begin to tell."

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herbert Holton at 405-598-2530 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com. To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Honor Guard, contact Mike Kennedy at KRiverRat70@windstream.net.



Wesselhöft elected Co-Chair of Native American Caucus

OKLAHOMA CITY – State Reps. Paul Wesselhöft and Ken Luttrell were elected Wednesday as the respective Republican and Democratic co-chairmen of the Native American Caucus.

Wesselhöft, R-Moore, said as an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, he is proud to be the Republican co-chairman. "I am honored to be elected unanimously as the Republican Co-Chairman of the Native American Caucus of the Oklahoma House of Representatives," Wesselhöft said. "We are a non-partisan caucus of 21 members. We will be discussing a number of pertinent issues as well as honoring a number of tribal and nation leaders."

The other members of the Caucus are: Speaker of the House Chris Benge and state Reps. Lisa Billy, Mike Christian, Doug Cox, Rex Duncan, Larry Glenn, Chuck Hoskin, Shane Jett, Fred Jordan, Dan Kirby, Steve Martin, Al McAffrey, Skye McNeil, Jerry McPeak, Anastasia Pittman, Seneca Scott, T.W. Shannon, Jerry Shoemake, and Dan Sullivan.

Rep. Shane Jett, R-Tecumseh, serves an



Reps. Paul Wesselhöft, left, and Ken Luttrell pose in the Oklahoma capitol.

Oklahoma House of Representatives district which includes Citizen Potawatomi Nation headquarters.



EVA MARIE CARNEY
for District #2 Representative

An Open Letter to the Voters of District #2:

Thank you for the great honor of representing you in the Citizen Potawatomi Legislature as the District # 2 Representative. Since I am unopposed in the upcoming election, I will have the honor of continuing to serve District #2 and the Nation, this time for a full four-year term. I pledge to work constructively and to the best of my ability.

In the Chairman race, I plan to cast my absentee ballot for Chairman Rocky Barrett and urge you to vote for him too. He has led our Nation building and our financial successes, and he can take us even farther with the help of our enhanced government and increased citizen participation.

And last but not least, if you live in District #8, please give your vote to Dave Carney for the Representative position left vacant by the unfortunate passing of Jackie Taylor. My brother Dave is an experienced, ethical and energetic businessman who would work hard for us. See www.dave-carney.com for more information or contact me for some big sister insights!

Megwetch,
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Representative, District #2

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POTAWATOMI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

June 22 to July 31, 2009

The Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) is a summer internship designated for up to 8 high school senior and/or college freshman students who are enrolled tribal members. The program is designed for the students to gain knowledge of the over-all operations of the tribe including the governmental process; election procedures; funding agreements; cultural/heritage activities; enterprise programs; and services provided to both tribal members and indigenous Indians in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation service area.

Applications for the program have been mailed to all enrolled tribal members who will be age 18 to 20 during the time frame of June 22 to July 31, 2009. If you are a candidate for the program and did not receive an application, please call Dennette Summerlin at 1-800-880-9880 or 405-275-3121, ext. 1103, e-mail her at dsummerlin@potawatomi.org, or go to www.potawatomi.org/News/843.aspx.

Potawatomi Leadership Program

ATTENTION

CPN Members who live in and around Shawnee and the greater Oklahoma City Area and who purchase electricity from OG&E...

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has partnered with Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) to provide FREE weatherization services for members who own or rent homes that are receiving electricity from (OG&E).

Examples of these weatherization services are caulking windows, sealing doors, and adding blown insulation to your attic.

Please contact Raychel Swenson in the CPN Housing Authority office for an application at 405-273-2833 or visit our office at 26 Father Joe Murphy Drive to see if you qualify for this program.

Chairman Barrett, Vice Chairman Capps, and Secretary/Treasurer D.Wayne Trousdale have provided sound and successful leadership for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for many years. My family and I have known and respected all three of the executive members for decades.

The successful foundation that Chairman Barrett has laid for our Nation has been recognized throughout the country. I have total confidence that the programs and enterprises of our Nation are being managed in a fair and honest manner under his quality guidance.

I see absolutely no reason to change our leadership simply for the sake of change. I urge you to vote for Chairman Barrett in the upcoming election. His track record as the top elected official of our Nation is one of excellence.

Respectfully,

John J. (Joe) LaReau, DPh



Joe LaReau, DPh



Cory Spurlock, MD

As director of CPN Health services, I am witness daily to the unrelenting support of our current administration and the tireless, hard work of our employees. We serve thousands of patients yearly who, without the intervention of the tribe and the clinic, would otherwise fall victim to chronic diseases.

Under the current administration and direction of Chairman Barrett, we have seen an amazing growth in the Health Services and the quality care my fellow physicians and I are able to provide.

I view with alarm the proposed "per capita payment" or "profit-sharing" proposal by Chairman Barrett's opposition. This proposal would be harmful to our clinic and mail-order pharmacy program while providing little benefit to the membership as a whole.

The wise leadership and selfless support of John 'Rocky' Barrett and Linda Capps have been and continue to be vital to our success, as both a healthcare entity and a Tribe. For that, I am truly appreciative.

Cory Spurlock, MD

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Archival Notebook

R. Blake Norton, Tribal Archivist

The Archival Notebook is an informative look into the activities of the Cultural Heritage Center's (CHC) Tribal Archives. Within the newsletter we will discuss exciting current and future projects, as well as projects that readers can do at home. Readers will have the opportunity to take a look into a real archival and collections management program.

In 2008, Tribal Archives added 15 new collections to its permanent holdings from tribal members who graciously donated and/or loaned materials during that year's Family Reunion Festival. Ninety percent of the archival collection is made up of materials either donated or loaned to the Cultural Heritage Center. With the Citizen Potawatomi Nation so deeply rooted in family ties, genealogical research is at the forefront of activities provided at the CHC. With this in mind, I encourage all tribal members, young and old, to donate and/or loan any historical, genealogical and cultural material at this year's Family Reunion Festival.

I recommend that all of those who are interested in donating and/or loaning materials to the Cultural Heritage Center to please contact the Tribal Archives prior to the 2009 Family Reunion Festival and have the appropriate documentation sent to them. Having this documentation completed, prior to the Festival, will make the donation process faster and easier.

We must continue collecting and preserving this material, in order to provide tribal members, visitors and scholars of the tribe an in-depth and accurate look at Potawatomi life, culture and history.

Additionally, if you are interested in obtaining materials pertaining to your ancestral family, please contact Tribal Archives for more information about our Family History Collection.

Tribal Archives contact information:
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CHC Acquires Complete Potawatomi Object Inventory From National Museum of the American Indian by Stacy Coon

The Cultural Heritage Center is pleased to announce that we recently acquired a complete object inventory of the collection of Potawatomi artifacts that the National Museum of the American Indian has in its collection. The inventory is not broken down by the different Potawatomi bands, but is a full photographic compilation of all items in the NMAI collection that is accessioned as being Potawatomi.

The 1,000-plus photographs of the NMAI collection are followed by a Catalog Acquisition description of any information in relation to the objects' provenance, acquisition source, date of acquisition, etc.

This acquisition of objects from the Mark Raymond Harrington Collection is of particular interest to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation because Mr. Harrington acquired most of his collection in Oklahoma between 1910 and 1913.

Now that we are fully aware of the type of objects in NMAI's inventory, the CHC's next step is to consider the possible steps needed to get some of these objects loaned from NMAI and put on display in the Cultural Heritage Center. Considering the size of the Smithsonian Institution, requests for loans are asked for a year in advance. So, please be patient as we go through this process.

As for the collection inventory, if you want to view some of the old Potawatomi design patterns from years past, view some

old Potawatomi silver brooch styles from the 1890's, see what an old wooden heddle used to weave Potawatomi sashes looked like, or see what a Potawatomi prescription stick is, you are welcome to come up to the Heritage Center to view the photographs online.

The inventory will also be available on the computers in the Family Area during this year's Family Reunion Festival. Please stop by to check out this magnificent photographic collection of Potawatomi culture from years past. Migwetch!

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District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

Spring has arrived (finally) and with spring comes the Family Reunion Festival. If you have not made plans to attend this wonderful event, it is not too late. You will find it is a very rewarding experience.

Speaking of rewarding experiences, the District #1 Tribal Area Gathering in St. Louis was just such an experience, getting to meet many new friends and (cousins?). By the time you are reading this we will have attended the last area gathering in Alexandria, Virginia.

We (District #1) are sharing this meeting with Eva Carney's District #2. We, my wife and I, were able to attend gatherings in Las Vegas, Texas, and Phoenix, at our own expense. We met many new friends and learned of new family connections. At each meeting, the youngest, the wisest, and the one who traveled the farthest were honored.

Spring also brings the election closer. This election, as they all are, is very important. By now, you should have received your Absentee Ballot Request. Be sure to fill it out and get it in the mail. If you have not received it, contact the election committee at 800-880-9880. The ballot request must arrive in the election committee's post office box no later than June 7, 2009.

We will be electing a chairman and two new legislators, in District #4 and District #8. The ballot will also contain the annual budget for spending the interest and earnings from the Nation's set-aside funds.

My Wife Julia and I are making plans to attend a Pow Wow at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. One of our



District #1 members Denise Altman, who is on the faculty at the university, is putting it together. I will have sent e-mails to District #1 members and hope to see some of you there.

As I am writing this, I received a call from a member in my District asking why she had not been informed of the Tribal Area Gathering in Rossville. My only response was that I did not have her mailing address or e-mail address. If you have not been receiving e-mail notices or mail from me about upcoming events it is because I do not have your contact information. Please send your information to rjslavin@sbcglobal.net or to RSlavin@potawatomi.org, call 888-741-5767, or mail Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Dr., Kansas City, MO 64151.

Migwetch,
Roy

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Hello, Fellow CPN District #2 Citizens,

Please allow me to take you on a virtual tour of my Web site, www.evamariecarney.com, which I've been keeping up (with great technical help) since I started my bid for the legislative position in November 2007. It seems that not that many of you have even peeked

at the site. I've been spending a fair amount of time and personal funds on it so I'd like you to entice you to visit.

A District #2 resident wrote me this month: "Your Web site is fantastic. I think you are doing a good job. You are presenting a lot of information to members as well as looking out for us here in the

region. I thank you for that, and I will vote for you, again, should you decide to do another term!" This is quite an endorsement of my Web site (which is why I am sharing it with you!). You may not be so moved by the site that you, like the writer of the above, would commit to voting for me in 2013, based on viewing my Web site, but a legislator can hope, right? Please visit and find out.

On the site I keep posted my last three *HowNiKan* columns. I add the current column as soon as I write it – which is a good month before the hard-copy newspaper reaches us here on the Eastern Seaboard.

Among the main Web site pages that follow is the Heritage page, on which you can find information about (1) the Potawatomi Prayer Circle and how to conduct oneself in the circle; (2) applying to the federal government for a permit to carry eagle feathers and for the eagle feathers themselves (there's a link to the permit application and information and forms for the ordering process); (3) the Potawatomi Pipe (Pwagen) ceremony; (4) the questionnaire we've been using to help determine the most fitting Potawatomi names for those who seek to be named; (5) naming ceremony protocols and "tips"; and (6) a few creation stories that Potawatomi namers might tell during a naming ceremony. There's a lot of information available via that page, and I welcome any additions readers might want to provide me.

The site also includes a page devoted to Potawatomi language resources and useful Potawatomi phrases provided by our Language Department Director, Justin Neely, and a page listing all Indian Health Service facilities (clinics and hospitals) in District #2 states. As I state



on the Indian Health Services page, some of the facilities offer services to all Natives, others only to their own Tribal members (it depends on the nature of the Tribe's contract with the Indian Health Service). However, it may pay to give a call (the phone numbers are provided) and find out. I've gotten several reports from CPN members that they received services from one facility or another I'd listed and were pleased with those services (and the low- to no-cost!).

Another page is devoted to CPN Health Services. It gives contact details for a fellow District #2 citizen who lives in North Carolina, Eric Kimes, a Potawatomi, and his wife Amy Kimes, D.D.S., who together offer Dr. Kimes' dental services free of charge to fellow Potawatomis. See my site for more details. That page also includes a link to the Health Aids application, through which one can access up to \$750 a year in reimbursements for prescription eyeglasses and contacts, certain dental work, prostheses, wheelchairs, hearing aids, and more. Every Citizen Potawatomi member born by 12/31/71 or who is at least 1/8 Potawatomi is eligible. Please check out this valuable ben-

efit via the site.

Finally, I've posted photos from several Naming Ceremonies, and many pictures from the 2008 Family Reunion Festival. I promise new photos after the 2009 event at the end of June, and also to post useful information I collect during the Festival weekend that is of interest to District #2, so keep checking back!

As you can see from this description, you don't have to be a District #2 resident to benefit from what's on the site – all Potawatomis are welcome and are guaranteed to find useful information. So, please tell your relatives about it and urge them to take a look for themselves.

The Web site was first designed and kept current by Keith James, a British friend living in New York who also is a Webmaster for a major British rock band! Keith is now very knowledgeable about our Nation, and follows CPN developments with interest.

My very talented 14-year-old nephew Nick Carney in Olympia, Washington, now serves as Webmaster and is showing himself to be responsible, creative, and engaged in the work just as Keith was. When you do visit the site, please send me an email via the "Contact" page; I will appreciate knowing that you visited, and I welcome any feedback.

Turning to recent news, I so

enjoyed meeting fellow Potawatomis at the Area Gatherings in Kansas (I even met some relatives for the first time there) and in Jacksonville in March and in Alexandria in early May. I had a great time hosting a convivial group of folks at my District #2 Open House in late March.

I even "poached" the Dockrys from District #1 Rep. Roy Slavin. They were down from Wisconsin visiting their son Will and added great energy to the Open House afternoon. I look forward to more opportunities to enjoy the company of these and more new friends.

Two last notes: First, send me your contact details. Building community is an e-mail-by-e-mail endeavor; please make sure you are included!

Second, please do not forget to request and then cast and return to Oklahoma your absentee ballot. Let's make District #2 District #1 when it comes to percentage of eligible voters who cast votes in this important election!

Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho,

This month I wish to touch on two topics: First, what we should expect from our Executive Branch in running tribal affairs, and second, the 13 things an employee anywhere should not share with his co-workers.

In *The One Minute Entrepreneur*, Don Hutson quotes his friend, Harris Palmer, who gives this fundamental advice on why a business or enterprise succeeds or fails. There are four key areas which follow:

- Make sure sales exceed expenses
- Collect your bills
- Take care of your customers
- Take care of your people

As your elected representative, I reviewed and approved our annual budget this last September. Additionally, on a monthly basis, I review the spending detail versus the budget as we proceed through the year. Presently, the data shows we are accomplishing the first three areas cited.

I have visited Shawnee several times, along with the Rossville elder center in Kansas. I spent six days with a variety of employees and fellow citizens on the Gathering of Nations trip to Canada in August 2008. I have held conversations with our employees on the trip already mentioned, at tribal headquarters, and at the Cultural Heritage Center. I received no negative comments from any employee regarding our current leadership.

I have also looked at their Web sites and have received correspondence from others seeking to run our businesses. In my opinion, the only person who, as a candidate for election as Chairman, meets all of the elements needed for us to continue being successful, is our current Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett.

On February 17, Rachel Zupke posted an article online at www.careerbuilder.com about how you potentially jeopardize your career by sharing personal areas with your co-workers.

1. Salary information is between you and Human Resources. Disclosure indicates you are not capable of maintaining a confidence.

2. No one really cares about your aches and pains. Moreover, to the boss, your constant medical problems might look like you are too expensive and a high-risk



employee.

3. Gossip never stops with the one you spoke too. He will no doubt pass on your tales and, ultimately, you will be the one who is the topic of the "nasty news."

4. Complainers soon find they are no longer in the loop. If you don't like the place, policies, or what is going on, go through regular channels and offer a solution. Otherwise, it is time to move on.

5. Cost of personal purchases is bragging, and some may wonder if you are living beyond your means.

6. Don't share intimate details about your personal life. Co-workers can and will use the information against you.

7. Regarding politics or religion, people have strong, passionate views in these two areas. You might alienate a co-worker or be viewed negatively by him or your boss and ultimately impact your career, and not necessarily the way you wished.

8. Changes in lifestyles reflect on your capabilities, desires, and limitations on availability. Breakups, divorces, and baby-making should only be shared if there is a need to know.

9. Blogs or social networking profiles have the capability of being seen online by multiple eyes. An outburst or something said at the wrong time can blow up in your face!

10. Negative views about colleagues, as expressed to co-workers, is not the proper venue. If you have an issue with someone's dress, manners, professional ability, or whatever, either keep it to yourself or talk to him privately.



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and other members of the
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are invited to visit
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11. Talking about hangovers and wild weekends makes you appear to be unprofessional and unreliable. It's perfectly fine to have a good time on your days off, but your wild adventures over the week-end should not be a Monday conversation item.

12. Personal problems and relationships – in and out of the office – are a real no-no! Failed marriages and volatile romances spell instability to an employer. Office romance can lead to gossip and broken hearts, so it's best to steer clear. The safest rule to follow is, "Never get your honey where you get your money".

13. Off-color or racially-charged comments are not funny. Federal laws involving discrimination or harassment can place you in very serious jeopardy. This is offensive and is simply not tolerated.

The reasons I chose to address these two areas this month are that, first and foremost, many jobs are in peril this year because of the economy. As an employee, you need to be sure your value to the company is not at risk because of what you do

or say. The 13 items are a minefield, one or more of which can be the deciding factor the boss uses to determine who goes and who stays if staff must be reduced.

Second, two of the three candidates running for the Chairmanship failed on one or more of the four areas Harris Palmer identified as needed for continued success. Our present Chairman is the only one who consistently stayed the course. Is everyone perfect? Obviously not, but given three choices, we need to look at who will serve the Nation best, and who has the management skills to lead us as we continue through our change. I believe as your elected representative, I must give you the benefit of what I have found.

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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Dear Citizens,

It is another beautiful day in Kansas. We are coming up on the time of year when children are getting restless to get out of school. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. My second, and youngest, daughter will graduate from Washburn University soon. Let me brag a little. Both earned academic honors. Both have been given a great opportunity to finish their education with the help of the scholarship program. I have had a daughter in college for eight years, and have watched the amount of the scholarships grow, and seen the advantage it has given them.

Many of will be graduating soon or have loved ones who will. I want to offer you my personal **CONGRATULATIONS**. You are our future. Please, if you are a student whom the Nation has helped give a bright future, make the Nation a priority in your future. Parents please do as I have, and keep reminding them that, as Potawatomis, they have a responsibility to be a good citizen, to be informed, participate in elections, and learn the culture.

I am sure my daughters would say they have been reminded one too many times, but some things don't change even as they



grow up.

Our next event in the district will be on Memorial Day. We will meet at the Uniontown Cemetery for a Memorial at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to participate, please let me know. Also, if you have something you would like to contribute such as a reading, prayer, or song, it would be appreciated.

I hope to see several of you from my district at festival and please introduce yourself if we have not met.

As always, you can reach me at TAdame@Potawatomi.org
Theresa Adame

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Hello to all in Potawatomi Land,

I was so excited to have the opportunity to meet with everyone at the District #5 meeting in Chandler, Arizona on March 28. Two years is a long time, and I certainly hope we do not have to go that long ever again. For those of you who could not come, we missed you.

You had a chance to meet some of the candidates that will be on the ballot in June, and hopefully, you have all had a chance to get your absentee ballots by now. Your vote can determine the future of the Nation. Never think, "They won't miss my vote." We do!

You were all brought up to date regarding the Legislative Meetings, the teleconferences you can view for yourself and know, first-hand, what is happening. Additionally, Chairman John Barrett reported on CPN projects and answered questions I know you were eager to hear. All in all, it was a great time, with wonderful food and even better fellowship. That's my favorite part.

We just had our first 100-degree day in the Southwest. So, while summer is not officially here, I think we can safely say it is just around the corner. We are also just around the corner for the Family Reunion Festival in June. I hope you are all plan-



ning your visit now. There are only so many hotels, camping spaces, RV slots, etc.

Please, keep those e-mail addresses coming and know they will be held as confidentially as you request. It would make it easier to keep you informed of things to come.

Take care and God bless you all.

Gene Lambert,
Legislator, District #5

District #6 - Ron Goyer

Bozho Nikanek,

First I would like to thank all the great people (employees of the tribe, lawyers, educators, and of course concerned moms) that sent in their letters and e-mails of encouragement and support regarding my last *HowNiKan* submission. I was amazed by the amount of positive responses that came my way. Once again, Chi-Megwetch! (thank you very much) to my fellow tribal members.

It was once told to me by a very wise man (my father) that if a lie is told about a person, then that person should not feel shamed by the allegations that are made. In the end, the shame will fall on those who create the lies. I feel no shame in the allegations directed at me by Rep. Ms. Kraft and Chairman Barrett. That is because 99.8% of what they have written about me is simply not true. I don't feel the need to defend their erroneous statements. I see it



this way: they are revealing their true level of education and character. Educated people argue in a reasonable and logical manner. Educated people with character do not attack a person at such a rudimentary adolescent level, because they understand how childish that tactic is and that it does not solve the issues at hand. Any tribal mem-

ber that has spent time with me one on one knows and understands that I respect them deeply and take what they have to say seriously (another one of my fathers [sic] traits). I don't turn my back on our members from any district nor do I ignore their requests. I find it interesting that whenever possible the Chairman highlights that I ran un-opposed [sic]. Well, so did Ms Kraft. In the future, I am sure others from many districts will run un-opposed [sic] at one time or another. That of course, makes another one of the Chairman's statements a non-issue.

I want to publically thank my father, Chuck Goyer, (and the former regional directors) for all of their hard work and dedication to the tribe as Regional Directors. It was their support for our constitutional changes that made our current form of government possible. Without their hard work and dedication, I would not have been able to run for office. I have found one comment made by the Chairman to be particularly disturbing. One can read in the course of his diatribes how he dismisses the retired Regional Directors as people, as well as their efforts over the years in supporting our tribe. The

dedication shown by this group of people has been likened to someone that only answers a few phone calls through the course of a year and would set up an annual meeting. I know this to also be false. I am happy to say that I spend a tremendous amount of quality time with my father. I can tell you first hand that he was, and is still, constantly on the phone (sometimes 10 or 12 calls a day) lining up doctor visits, helping find legal aid, and simply listening to the concerns of our elder tribal members and Native Americans throughout our district (and many times beyond). I think that our people need to know these things, as they are, unlike many things written in the *Hownikan* [sic], THE TRUTH.

In closing, please make sure you get out and vote! No matter whom you support! As for my Vote...it's a Synch [sic]...Vote for Finch.

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District #7 - Thom Finks

Bozho,

In the weeks to come, the eligible voters of our tribe are going to be asked to make major decisions regarding the leadership of the CPN as well as the annual budget. Whether you vote by absentee ballot or in person, your vote counts. Historically, less than 10% of eligible voters have actually voted in past elections. Let's break the record! Please vote and encourage your family members to vote. This is your tribe and your opportunity to let your voice be heard.

Based on comments in the last *HowNiKan*, I am revisiting portions of my last column. References to my negative vote at our last legislative session continue to surface with pointed comments to political cause.

If this legislative body is operating in a democratic environment, then my vote should not have been questioned, and it certainly should not have been accused of being politically motivated. I know of no other government body where this overtly occurs unless it's not in a free country. The privilege to question lies only within my



district, only by the members I represent. This privilege is theirs and theirs alone!

As a footnote, the Chairman did not comment on or question other votes. Should I interpret that to mean there is political cause from his camp or go back to the democracy issue?

To quote Eva Marie Carney in her last *HowNiKan* column, "The good news here is that as a body we debated the issues and

considered the varied viewpoints, and each legislator, with independence of mind, cast his or her vote. One legislator's views might not carry the day but it is in the Nation's best interest to have those views expressed and considered." I couldn't agree more.

Chairman Barrett has taken the viewpoint that I voted against this resolution to make a political statement to help my brother in his bid for the Chairman's position.

Lisa Kraft furthered his cause in her column: "If the aim of the California representatives is to shoot down worthwhile legislation in order to take credit away from our seated chairman, I hope it backfires on them."

I felt this comment was a little over the top, Rep. Kraft, but once again I ask, what is the connection between 'that vote' and my brother's campaign?

You know, before this election campaign started, Chairman Barrett and I enjoyed a mutually supportive, respectful, and very friendly relationship for more than 20 years. Now there is tension and turmoil. I often reflect that, if he had to leave his position, as my brother did during this campaign, how much of this turmoil would be evident and affecting others?

When the election is over, whether Chairman Barrett or Jeremy Finch is at the helm, we will all have to continue to work with one of them and each other. We should be thinking about that and not throwing arrows that will harm our future relationships. Knowing one another's political persuasions should not scar or influence present or future legislative discussions or decisions.

First, I wasn't even aware that this particular piece of legislation was up for consideration that evening. Most of the time the legislators don't see an agenda or even the resolutions until just before the legislative session begins. How could I possibly have schemed this? In fact, I have an open suggestion that in order to make better, informed decisions, these items should be sent to Legislators well in advance so that the pros and cons can be weighed properly. Expediency is not always in the tribe's best interests.

The second piece of legislation that I voted against was the building of a North Texas Regional Center and assisted living center. In her *HowNiKan* column, Lisa Kraft states that, "unlike the State of

California, there is a large population of tribal members concentrated in North Texas." Perhaps I missed something, but I've been told for the last 10-plus years that California would be the next geographic area where the tribe was going to build a service center.

North or South had not been decided but California was definitely next. I'm not privy to data that reflects any of the information required to make a decision of this type but my guess is that the state of California as a whole probably represents the third largest population of Potawatomi in the U.S. I believe California tribal members deserve an explanation.

This particular election is at best, a difficult experience. I believe in my brother. I believe there is a better way to accomplish the needs of the tribe. If he is not elected, I will attempt to introduce these thoughts and ideas through my position as legislator.

Jeremy told me a story of a tribal member he met in Rossville a few weeks ago. He mentioned to Jeremy that running against a 24-year incumbent was tough and Jeremy agreed with him and then the gentleman said something very interesting. He said that 20 years ago the tribe was poor and so was he. Now it's 20-plus years later, the tribe has millions, and he's still poor. That comment made me think.

On the issue of profit-sharing, no one is out to take anything away from anyone. There is all this talk of per capita payments and how we're spending the seed money. That is not my brother's intent. However, sharing with those who need help should be in our hearts naturally. At least, let's sit down and discuss the possibilities. Let's have a campaign on the issues, not character assassination and innuendo. What is everyone so afraid of?

In the end, you will make the final decision. You will mark your ballot and hope that the candidate of your choice is elected. But, don't let anyone tell you how or who to vote for. I swore an oath to do the best I could to represent our people in a fair and honest way. The Chairman scoffed and said I was "pontificating" and making another political statement. He was wrong on both points. I have always tried to speak and act in a good way and I promise you that I will continue to do so as long as I represent you in the CPN Legislature.

On a different note, the meeting in District #7 was very well-attended. I don't know for sure, but I estimate that there

were about 200 people present. I apologize for not speaking at the meeting, but I wasn't called on, and I learned at the Portland meeting that the Chairman said that I should have asked. In all my years as a Regional Director, I never had to ask to speak. I made the incorrect assumption that the Chairman would introduce me since it was his meeting in my district.

There was an incident, which turned into a disturbance when a tribal member requested the microphone. The Chairman attempted to hold her off until the question and answer period but when that didn't work, he accused Jeremy of "staging" the incident.

For the record, this member contacted Jeremy stating that she was not supporting any candidate. They had a discussion regarding an article she published about the *HowNiKan* on a Web site called OpEdNews. Jeremy did not "stage" this event nor was the tribal member ever allowed to speak.

I was taken aback by the Chairman's accusation and embarrassed by the shouts of "sit down!" from some of the other members. What have we created that we

don't allow one of our own to speak at a meeting designed to hear candidates, members, questions and discussion of the issues?

During the meeting, some tribal members came to me with their mailing information and I encourage those of you who wish to be in my District contact database to send e-mail addresses or mailing addresses, along with questions or concerns to me at tbf@sundancenet.com.

So, what will you do in June? Will you be swayed by the best opinion advertising money can buy, or will you make a rational informed decision about whether the incumbent is part of the problem or part of the solution? One thing is guaranteed. If the incumbent keeps winning, very little will change. If you believe our government is doing the best it can for everyone, you owe it to John Barrett to vote for him. However if you believe government has room for improvement, you owe it to yourself to vote for a responsible challenger. It's your tribe. Think about it.

Megwetch,
Thom Finks
District #7

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

Whew! TAX DAY has passed; it has come and hopefully most of us are finished with them for another year. I wonder, with the state of our economy, will our taxes be spent wisely? I don't know about you, but I sure don't have a comfort zone on what our government is doing right now with all it's spending and its trying to tackle all the problems at once versus prioritizing them for job creation.

Economics 101 tells us that the free market will sort things out according to the laws of supply and demand. What does this mean to us? Let's look at what is needed to jump-start our economy. In my opinion, we need to start purchasing consumer goods. This starts the manufacturing process, which starts new businesses, creating new jobs and revitalizing old jobs. However, what if we are not sure what our own individual state of economy is?

The question for most people as that it seems is they're not sure the federal government's spending will bring us out of our crisis as soon as federal officials believe it will, but might prolong the uncertainty for six months to 18 months or longer.

We need to continue to invest in our 401(k) and SIMPLE IRAs; don't stop funding your retirement. What's critical in the next three years is maximizing our savings. How do we do this when we are barely making it now?

Have you heard about preparing a budget to see what monies you have and how you spend it? List all sources of income and fixed expenses such as your mortgage payment, car payment, and insurance premium. Cut costs on everything else, starting with food, clothing, and entertainment. By cutting back on these expenses you can divert this money to savings.

Many things affect our saving habits, but one explanation for the recent downward saving trend is the multi-year run-up of home values and stock markets. As home equity and investment portfolios grew, people felt wealthier and put regular savings on the back burner, aside from retirement accounts. By following a consistent investment program to meet your financial objectives, you won't just be saving for a rainy day only after drops begin appearing on the windshield.

Look at your mortgage rate and see if it



would advisable to refinance for a lower, fixed interest rate, versus a variable, 30-year term versus balloon.

Ask your creditors to help. Call the "800" number listed on your statement and ask for a supervisor with authority to negotiate a lower rate and reduced payments. If you have access to cheaper money with a fixed rate, consolidate your credit cards to lower your rate. If you must use credit cards, get into the habit of paying off you balance each month. Don't charge to credit cards beyond your means, thinking you'll pay them off later.

I am wary of giving out Web sites to help on budgeting and ways to identify saving money. But I'm proud to tell you that, after talking with Tina Pollard with our Community Development Corporation (405-878-4697) that we have Financial Fitness programs that look at your credit reports, your budgets, asset building (buying a home, keeping your home, owning a business) and an IDA (Individual Deposit accounts). These are only a few of the things that they do. The department is headed by Kristi Coker. You can ask for Jane Kreeger for the assistance I have described.

Under our CDC, we now have two certified credit counselors, Felecia Freeman and Jane Kreeger, who will be able to meet with you by appointment. Tribal members who live outside of the Shawnee area can also call them for assistance. That includes members who reside outside Oklahoma.

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and vote in the 2009 Tribal Chairman/Legislative election. All members can e-mail any of the legislators at their Potawatomi.org addresses. As an Oklahoma representative, I represent Oklahoma but invite all members to converse with us since our ultimate goal is to grow our nation with unity and prosperity for the future. I personally feel privileged to receive e-mail from members outside Oklahoma. Thank you.

In the March *HowNiKan*, I endorsed Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett for re-election. I strongly support Chairman Barrett because of his proven track record of progress for the Citizen Potawatomi

Nation. I urge you to vote for him – either via Absentee Ballot or in person at Family Reunion Festival on June 27.

My wife and I were able to attend the Area Gathering in Lewisville, Texas, hosted by Rep. Bob Whistler, and the TAG in Rossville, Kansas, hosted by Rep. Theresa Adame. It was great to see the enthusiasm of our nation's members and let me not forget the good food they prepared.

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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

I am writing from Denver, Colorado this Easter weekend. The next three days will be spent outside cheering on my niece and nephew at each of their volleyball, soccer, and lacrosse games. And, like most families, our children are getting anxious to color eggs and keep checking their Easter baskets in hopes a chocolate bunny has come early. Our family is also preparing for our annual Easter egg hunt and Sunday dinner.

This year will be the first time we have spent Easter somewhere other than Oklahoma. Come Sunday, I will venture to say that no matter what state my sister and I pass on our holiday traditions to our children, the traditions themselves remain unchanged. Our children are not bound by geography; they are bound by their parents' adherence to core values.

For me, Easter is the most natural time of year, both seasonally and spiritually, to assess how effective I am in my life and what new goals I need to make life the best it can be for my family. I also give thanks for all that I have - family, health, imagination, and tenacity. So to all of my immedi-



ate and extended family, my tribal family, and my friends, may this Easter holiday give you the confirmation that you seek, the reassurance that you have made the best decisions, and the courage you may need to make new changes in your life.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi. Lisa LKraft@Potawatomi.org

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District #12- Paul Schmidtkofer

Bozho, nikan!

I hope this issue of the *HowNiKan* finds each of you in good health and spirits. Recently here in central Oklahoma, we had an outbreak of wildfires on extremely windy days. This resulted in many people losing their homes. I hope that this hasn't happened to any of our members. I haven't heard of anyone being affected by it. If you were, please contact the tribal headquarters. The Nation has some emergency funds available for this type of thing and they would certainly want to be able to help you.

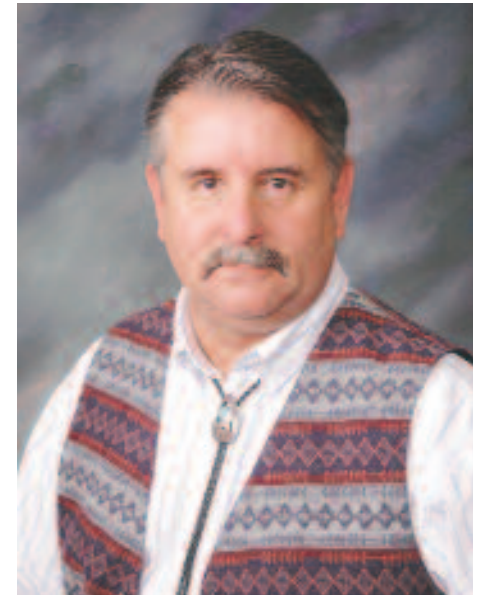
For all those with family members in college or planning to attend a system of higher learning, now is a good time to start the paperwork for the tribal scholarship that's available to tribal members. It is based purely of being a member of the tribe. So everyone should apply.

With the cost of education, I can't see why anyone would not take advantage of it. Over the years, I have had discussions with different members both here in Oklahoma as well as throughout the United States about it. There has been some confusion as to what makes someone eligible. On several occasions, I've had members tell me they didn't apply because they were sure their income would be too high to qualify. Not true, this scholarship is not income-dependent. All members qualify regardless of income.

There are some monies available through federal funding that are income-based. So we do ask for your previous year's tax return. But your income will not prevent you from receiving the scholarship, just where the money may come from.

Much of these monies come from our enterprise profits. It's why we run businesses. It's been my experience for several years that most people agree with me that this is an excellent use of those profits. Everyone wants their children to have an opportunity to do better than they did.

With the current trends in the workplace, more and more good jobs are requiring training past high school. Let's face it; there is a demanding job market out there. A college education or training at one of the Career Techs in the state is becoming more and more important. A little planning around now will pay a dividend later this year when everyone goes off to school.



In the previous edition of the *HowNiKan*, we saw some pictures of the construction going on around the tribal complex. There will be some new additions to the entire complex by the time the reunion gets here. One that many members will enjoy is the change at the Raymond Peltier campgrounds and arena area. We have some other things planned, also. So be sure to come back and see them.

I would like to also encourage each of you to start getting your regalia ready for festival this year. Last year, some of the families did a great job of having a theme. Let us remember that it is customary to have some form of regalia on when entering the arena. It's easy enough to get started. You might start with maybe a shawl or ribbon shirt this year, then maybe a vest or dress the next year. Just keep adding a little something to it each year. It's our heritage so it makes sense to invest in it.

We are constantly looking for ways we can better serve our members. Through benefits to enterprises, our leadership keeps a continuous vigil watching after our finances and how our businesses are doing. In tough economic times, we will be more conservative in the direction we go. Not that we aren't always, but just more established areas.

Please take the time to either fill out the absentee voter application or come down to the headquarters this year to vote. We really should take advantage of this responsibility.

I was over by the golf course recently and remembered when we would pow

wow down in the pecan grove. We had a covered pavilion down there. We were pretty proud of that. Just south were the barns. I remember as a young man wandering around over there. I often thought of who might have been there before me. I was honored to have met many of our elders in those days. Some have gone on. Others still watch over us. I am thankful for these people. They have kept a vigil on our tradition over these years. Some still get me by the arm and visit with me. They help keep me on the right path. I want to thank them for this. I hope someday in the future someone else walks around our complex and wonders who might have walked there before him. I hope he follows the footsteps of his elders and becomes involved in our Nation.

The Nation's intern program will be going on again this year. I suspect we will get another great group of young

Potawatomis to come. I have been able to watch them over the past several years. All are very bright and interested in how our nation operates. The Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) has been going on for several years now. Some of the PLP participants have come back to the nation to work. Most have come back for other reasons. This program will hopefully keep our young people connected to the tribe. Our Nation has been blessed with many outstanding, young, intelligent people. They are the ones who will carry the torch for us in the future. I encourage all of us to help them.

For all my relations around the country feel free to contact me via pschmidlkofer@potawatomi.org if you have any questions of me. As always it's a privilege to serve our tribe.

Megwetch!

Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13- Bobbie Bowden

Bozho, Nikanek (Hello, my friends),

I hope to see you all at this year's Family Reunion Festival. The festival is a very special time for our families to gather, share, eat, dance, enjoy games, and honor our Potawatomi traditions.

I would also like to remind you how important this election is to the future of our tribe and ask again for your support for our Chairman, John Barrett. I feel our tribe has gotten where we are today under Chairman Barrett's leadership and will continue to grow and prosper under his guidance. His dedication to the future and the teaching of the traditions is truly amazing.

For those of you who will not be able to attend this year's festival, I hope you have taken the time to request your absentee ballot. Please take the time to complete the ballot and return it so your vote will be counted.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the family of L.R. Marritt. Thanks to Mr. Marritt and his family, the new bridge over the North Canadian River at Triple X Road will be dedicated and named after their Grandfather John Isadore Tescier. I am extremely proud to have this special dedication to a fellow Potawatomi family.

In closing, I can not stress to each of you enough how important it is for you to



cast your vote in the upcoming election. Talk to your family members and remind them to vote. The direction and future of our tribe depends on each member becoming involved and casting their vote.

I hope to see you at this year's festival. Please feel free to contact me at Bbowden@Potawatomi.org if I may be of any assistance to you.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you. God bless each of you.

Megwetch,

Bobbie Bowden

CPN Representative, District #13

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

From the first of March through the Family Reunion Festival date is always the busiest time of the year for the Nation. Our construction and maintenance crews are renovating the festival grounds while other departments are getting the materials and supplies ready for festival.

As with all important election years, we are expecting a larger crowd because of the Chairman's election this year. To meet the demand, we are in the process of increasing the RV grounds and expanding the size of the various meeting places. This project has been on the back burner for several years, but with our festival attendance growing so rapidly, the changes are inevitable.

We are fortunate that we have our own labor to do most of the work. This is a huge savings to the Nation. Believe me, with our economy throughout the United States being sluggish, you can be assured that the changes being conducted are not just wants...they have grown into dire needs.

The Tribal Area Gatherings have been met with great enthusiasm. From the reception that we have received, tribal members in the outlying areas have felt the absence of meetings from the Executive branch the past couple of years. It has been very exciting to see so many of our tribal member friends during the weekend meetings, which began February 21.

I want to thank all members and their families for greeting us so graciously. It is easy to see that, frankly, our people want to see Chairman Barrett and visit about the current events taking place at headquarters. They also appreciate going over benefits pertinent to their locations and visit about current changes and the outlook for the future advancement. In addition, they like to hear first hand about the financial status of our Nation.

Although the area gatherings have been extremely positive, an unfortunate circumstance occurred prior to our meeting in Anaheim, California. A call was received by the hotel management that indicated there would be a "protest and an attack" at the upcoming Citizen Potawatomi Nation meeting. This caused extreme alarm by the hotel management. Rightfully so, because who feels qualified to distinguish a prank call from a true threat when safety is a factor?



It also caused the Nation additional expense in that a charge for special security was added to the hotel bill. It is a sad day when dissension over what I speculate to be an election issue results in a possible threat to our people. My expectations are centered on the fact that this low-life tactic could not come from one of our own. I pray this is the case.

I marvel at the progress being made with our housing department this spring! Bob Carlile, CPN Director of Housing, continues to improve our housing in every way. Recently, a new storm shelter was added to the Citizen Place North housing addition. The above-ground, 1,100 sq. ft. facility holds approximately 200 people. With so many children living in the addition, I know it is a welcome sight for the parents who are residents. Oklahoma spring and summer weather never ceases to be intimidating when the clouds gather, lightening strikes, and thunder roars. It can make even us long-timers a little uneasy.

The FEMA mobile homes have finally arrived at the Nation. Many have been distributed to patient families who have eagerly awaited their new home. A few tribal members are still preparing their lots for the new mobile homes.

In addition, there is more good news! FEMA has announced other mobile homes might be available soon to add to the 17 that the CPN has received. That is an exciting announcement! My appreciation goes out to Bob Carlile and his staff for being diligent in providing safe and affordable housing for our people.

This is a good time to thank Chairman Barrett for his leadership during my 19-year tenure as your Vice Chairman. His leadership has provided a foundation for the Nation to make great progress. His slo-

gan of "Positive Change Every Year for 24 Years" is so true. Please don't forget to cast your vote for Chairman Barrett. Megwetch, Linda Capps

Chairman John Barrett

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, my friend),

Last year you voted to amend our Constitution, and gave those areas outside of Oklahoma actual territorial representation in our government. This is accomplished by video teleconferencing the Tribal Legislature. We are the first American Indian Tribe to do so in American history, to my knowledge. It was my extreme honor to have written that change in our Constitution in response to your requests for a greater voice in your government.

Our tribe gradually chose over the last 25 years to go outside of its original reservation lands and extend its jurisdiction in four ways: many forms of services (health aids, prescriptions, scholarships, burial costs, housing, etc.), the powers of the Tribal Court, the right to vote by absentee ballot, and informal government participation called "Regional Councils." The Regional Councils were a way for our people who had not been active in their membership to reconnect with the Tribe. This led to the new Tribal Legislature.

The Regional Councils had "Representatives" who organized meetings at some central place in the area where they lived and where there were significant populations of Citizen Potawatomi. These Representatives were appointed by me as the Tribal Chairman. Since they were not in the Tribal Constitution, they did not participate in the governmental operations of the Tribe. They did not run for election. They did not vote on Tribal Resolutions or Ordinances, approve budgets, or even attend meetings of the Business Committee except on occasion as members of the public. Their job was to hold the annual meetings and field calls from members in their area.

Many of the Regional Council Representatives who served in their appointed rolls for many years are cherished friends and supporters: Lu Ellis, Marge Hobdy, Cheryl DeGraff, Gene Lambert, Craig Anderson, Lyman Boursaw, and Jim Higbee. They were, and are, a great help in outreach to tribal members. I am happy



that Gene Lambert went on to run for the Tribal Legislature in District #5 and win. While her new position is very different from her former one, she has a strong business background and many years of knowing her constituents as an advantage.

Others have had the job, including a candidate for Tribal Chairman, and Thom Finks, his brother, who is running his brother's campaign. A few served for a brief period of time, such a Chuck Goyer, who was not an enrolled tribal member until the fall of 2001 and had never been to Oklahoma or seen the Tribal operations. I appointed him as Regional Council Representative in Southern California because he was the only volunteer at the time. I knew the Tribal Constitution was about to change to create the new Legislative Districts, which would eliminate his position.

Chuck Goyer's son, Ron Goyer, was not a tribal member until 2003. He ran unopposed for a shortened term in the Tribal Legislature, which expires next year. The filing period for that position begins in January of 2010. I hope many of you in Southern California will consider standing for election and, if elected, serving in that tribal office.

Please encourage your family to vote and lead by example in sending for your

ballots now. I ask for your votes in this election for Tribal Chairman and the privilege of serving another term of office. It is an honor to serve you as Tribal Chairman, and I appreciate your many expressions of

support.

Megwetch,

John Rocky Barrett/Keweoge
Tribal Chairman

Vote Ginger Blackmon Legislator, District #8



I am excited about the recent changes to our constitution that make a representative government possible. I believe that a representative government must include a broad base of people from our proud nation. We must encourage input from our young, building their leadership capacity, in order to bring forward a new generation of leaders. At the same time we must engage our elders to share the stories of the past in order to learn from our successes and our failures.

I believe I bring a strong background as a leader that will benefit the Northwest Region and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in cultivating a range of voices to continue the growth our nation has enjoyed under Chairman Barrett's leadership.

As an educator with fifteen years of experience, eight of those years as a principal I have a grasp on the needs of the young who are the future of our nation. Decisions regarding health care, education and the preservation of our history must encompass their needs in an ever changing world. Further we must seek to bridge the gap between our elders and our young by capitalizing on modern technologies for communication that will develop mentoring relationships.

My grandmother, Philonise Williams, served our nation as the Regional Representative from Phoenix, Arizona. I wish to honor my grandmother by also serving our people through active participation in our government.

I ask that you cast your vote for me in the upcoming election,

Ad Paid for by Ginger Blackmon

Citizen Potawatomi Nation * Request for Ballot * June 2009 Election

Name _____

(Please Print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I reside within the boundaries of CPN Legislative District No. _____

(If you live in Oklahoma, write Oklahoma in the blank above.)

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal roll number.

Signature _____ Tribal Roll # _____

Must be postmarked no later than June 7, 2009

Elder of the Month: Mary Everett

Reported & written by Sheila Hughes

Mary Nell Schmidlkofer Tasier Everett is our esteemed elder of the month for April 2009. Our honoree also has bloodlines in the Greenwood family.

She was born at home on September 23, 1923, as many of our elders were, in a two-story house on a farm east of Shawnee. She attended and graduated from St. Benedict's Catholic School.

Her mother, Nellie Tasier, was disliked by Nellie's stepmother. At age five, Nellie was placed at Sacred Heart to be cared for by the sisters.

While she was growing up, Nellie took several trips. Nellie and the other Sacred Heart foster children would often stay at the old Bourbonnais cabin on their excursions. Nellie met Mary's father Frank Schmidlkofer, a carpenter hired for repairs to structures of the time. They were together until they each walked on.

As a child, Mary admitted, "I didn't have to do much on the farm because I had older brothers that took care of that. We really didn't know poverty; we had our own eggs, chickens, pigs, and a cow or two. Poppa would butcher in the fall, so we had plenty of meat."

She did drive a tractor, bailing peanut hay. "That was a dirty ole job." Mary said, "Poppa sold part of the farm to Resthaven Cemetery." She remembered, "Poppa allowed us to go out to the patch and crack open a watermelon and eat it, which was fun. I love watermelon to this very day."

When asked about being a Native American growing up, she said, "No one bothered us because we were Indian."

As she recalled her past, Mary Nell remembered this story: "One day it had been raining. We had a hill on our farm, right near the cattle trough. Me and my sister dove down in it. Then, we hid in the outhouse so poppa wouldn't spank us ... the red mud and all ... of all things."

Mary had eight siblings: Frank, Bernard, Paul, Joseph, Vincent, Rose, Rita, and Teresa. "My sister Rita is in poor health and lives in Guthrie; my brother Joe is in Arbuckle; and my sister Teresa is a



Mary Everett

nun in Oklahoma City," she said. The others have walked on.

Mary lived at the family home until she was 20. Then, "I took a job at Woolworths, running the register," she explained. It was there that she met LeeRoy Everett, the love

of her life. "I was having a coke and went to pay my tab," Mr. Everett said. "That black-headed, dark-eyed girl was so pretty and sweet. I went back the very next day and asked her to dinner."

In less than a year, on March 10, 1946, they wed. While dating, "We (Mary, LeeRoy, and LeeRoy's sister; Bobbie Jean) were in a car wreck. My sister got killed, but we only got bruised up good," Mr. Everett said.

Not long afterward, they were in yet

another car accident. Mr. Everett continued, with a smile, "I thought I'd better get away from her before she killed me!" But, Mary loved him so much, "I went looking for him. I had never been out of Oklahoma, but I knew where to find him. He was working for Phillips Petroleum and playing professional softball for them in Borger, Texas. So I went there to get him back!"

LeeRoy proudly added, "I'm glad she followed me. She is precious, not a better woman in the world than the one sitting in that chair right there," he said, smiling and pointing to Mary.

"We were members of the 'Tecumseh Squares,' one of the biggest square-dancing groups in Oklahoma. A fine bunch of people (they were) - no drinkin' or cussin'. We loved those people," said Mrs. Everett.

This delightful couple had two children: William Lee (Bill) and Rita June. "While they were growing up, I was a den mother for the Cub Scouts and a Girl Scout leader for Rita June's Girl Scouts," Mary said.

The family took many vacation trips throughout the United States. "We had lots of fun and saw a lot of beautiful sights," Mary said. Her favorite summer trips were for camping, "I'd build a fire, read a book, and just enjoy nature," she said. Her husband added, "She was a good fisherman, too. She could out-fish me!"

Daughter Rita June was stricken with cancer, and walked on in 1991. "She had the worst kind, in the skin ... melanoma. It couldn't be cured," Mary said, with a pain in her voice. "But, I got her kids, my grandkids Sandra and Angie.

Bill, who works for the Nation, blessed his parents with another granddaughter, Meredith. Proudly, Mrs. Everett announced, "I got two beautiful great-grandkids; Jesse and Rachael. My family is the light of my life."

When they have been able, Mary and LeeRoy eat their noon meals at the Title VI Elders Program. Mary said, "Now, they bring me lunch every day ... just one less thing for my husband to do. We think (Title VI program director) Denise Smith is such a sweetheart; she does a good job up there."

This dear elder was diagnosed with breast cancer in early 2000. She endured a mastectomy, but, upon return to her physi-

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Re-surfacing planned from river to Tecumseh

CPN to use stimulus windfall on Gordon Cooper Drive



This photo of Gordon Cooper Drive was shot in the Gordon Cooper Drive/Hardesty Road intersection, looking south.

by Wayne Trotter, *Shawnee Sun*

If a tribal request for federal stimulus funds is approved, Gordon Cooper Drive will be resurfaced from the North Canadian River bridge south to where the road narrows from four to two lanes, courtesy of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Jim Collard, the former Shawnee city manager who is now economic development director for the Citizen Potawatomi, appeared before the Shawnee City Commission on Monday, April 20. He outlined the details of a proposed agreement under which the tribe not only would repair and resurface the 1.6-mile stretch of four-lane but also would take over maintenance of that part of Gordon Cooper after the job has been done. "We're bringing money to the city instead of asking for it," Collard commented. The commission approved the agreement on a 6-0 vote.

Collard said the same agreement will be presented to the Tecumseh City Council because from Unity Health Center South to the southern end of the project, the western half of the road is in the Tecumseh city limits. He said he hadn't approached Tecumseh previously because there was no point in doing that until after Shawnee had given its approval. Most of the road is in Shawnee. He also said the tribe has applied for a \$1.5 million share of economic stim-

ulus funds being channeled through the Indian Reservation Road (IRR) program. In all, more than \$300 million in stimulus funds have been set aside for IRR jobs and indications were that a decision should be made sometimes this summer.

Under the agreement approved Monday night, the city will be responsible for acquiring additional rights-of-way if any are needed for the project. Other details of the agreement provide that:

- The tribe will mill the existing asphalt, repair the weak spots, apply fabric reinforcement material and overlay the 1.6-mile segment with new asphalt to Oklahoma Department of Transportation standards.

- The tribe will take over maintenance responsibilities along that portion of Gordon Cooper for "now" and "hereafter," using IRR funds to keep the road up. Previously, maintenance has been the responsibility of the two cities.

- The tribe and the city will jointly select a third party company to provide management oversight and quality control with IRR funds paying the costs.

- If there are legal challenges to the right-of-way, the city will defend those and indemnify the Citizen Potawatomi against damages.



Congresswoman Mary Fallin walked through downtown Tecumseh on Wednesday, April 15th, visiting with various business owners and checking out all the growth and changes going on in her hometown. Here, Rep. Fallin visits with CPN member Rob Trousdale in the lobby of Trousdale's The Maverick Hotel. Cherie Trousdale watches at far left.

First Annual CPN Festival T-Shirt Art Contest



Tracy Peltier and Lakisha Wheeler of FireLake Designs model T-shirts designed and produced at FLD.

Is there an artist in you? FireLake Designs is excited to announce the first annual Family Reunion Festival T-shirt art contest. All artwork should be Native American-themed. If you submit your creative designs to us, you will have a chance to see it on one of the T-shirts we sell in our Reunion Festival booth.

One person will be selected each year. You can submit your artwork by e-mail or regular mail, or if you live near Shawnee, you can drop it off at the FireLake Designs office at 41707 Hardesty Road, Shawnee, OK 74801 (1/4-mile east from Gordon Cooper Drive).

When submitting your artwork, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. Please do not send original paintings or any delicate item that you would like returned.

The winner will receive a prize package from FireLake Designs and a \$50.00 CPN gift card that can be used at any of our CPN Enterprises. This contest is open to CPN Tribal Members only. Please contact the staff at FireLake Designs for contest rules. Entries must arrive at FireLake Designs no later than June 19 to be considered.

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your tribal democracy works!
Vote in the 2009
Tribal Chairman/Legislative elections.**

Tribal Area Gathering - Ross



ville, Kansas - March 14, 2009



1. Brothers Jim Rezac of Manhattan, KS and Galen Rezac of Emmett, KS pose for a picture. They are descendants of Mary Shoeman.
2. Helping in the kitchen: (l to r) Rachel Adame, Peggy Kinder, Beverly Holly, Theresa Adame, Dominic Adame, and Amy Herrick.
3. Cousins: Claudia Todack, Barbara Holder, and Janet Grey, each from Topeka, members of the Bourassa family.
4. Youngest enrolled tribal member, Savannah Herrick, is 8 years old. Savannah lives in Topeka and is a descendant of the Schwartz family.
5. Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousedale talks about the financials of the Nation.
6. Julia Finch looks at the camera while her mother, Mardesia, tends to little brother.
7. Lyman Boursaw (in red vest) sits with his wife, Loretta, and concentrates on the presentation. Lyman is the housing director for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Center at Rossville.
8. Wisest tribal member, Marj Guerick, 86 years young lives in St. Mary's, KS and is a descendant of the Slavin family.
9. Many tribal members drove from Topeka to attend the meeting, including Bob and Doris Brown. Bob is a descendant of the Bourassa family.
10. Friends and family including: Tribal members Savannah and Monico Herrick.
11. Marilyn and Dick Ketterman of Topeka stand by Marg Williams of Lawrence. Dick and Marg are descendants of the Krapp family.
12. Clyde Slavin of Vancouver, WA was awarded a gift for the longest distance traveled.
13. DeAnna Lambert of Silver Lake is shown with her father, Walter Foresman, of Topeka. They are descendants of the Patton family.
14. Attendees listen carefully as the candidates for Chairman speak.
15. Betty Simecka of Lawrence and Terry Simecka of St Mary's are members of the Schroepfer/Rezac families.
16. Doris Mohler of Silver Lake and daughter Pam of Lawrence both enjoyed the meeting. They are descendants of the Navarre/DeGraff families.
17. Judy and Leonard Boyles and daughter, Lisa Stum, pose for a picture after the meeting. Judy and Lisa are descendants of the Hartman family.

Tribal Area Gathering - Jacksonville, FL

March 21, 2009



1. James Derryberry of Springfield, GA traveled the longest distance to attend the meeting. James is a descendant of the Arrasmith family.

2. Barbara O'Connor of Jacksonville and Vice Chairman Capps are both Navarre/Degraff descendants.

3. Seventeen year-old Jessica Clark was the youngest tribal member in attendance. She is presented a Pendleton lap blanket by Chairman Barrett.

4. James McEvers of Orange Park, FL is presented a Pendleton blanket by Chairman Barrett. James is a descendant of the Anderson family.

5. Bill Pruett of Jacksonville, descendant of the Zigler family stands in the registration line with Susan Greene, also of Jacksonville, a descendant of the Navarre/Degraff family.

6. Tammy Clark poses with her daughters, Jessica and Amanda. They are descendants of the Schoeman family and reside in Oviedo, FL.

7. Leroy Copeland and daughter, Sarah Copeland of Orange Park, FL are descendants of the Rhodd family.

8. District Legislator #2 Eva Marie Carney of Arlington, VA and Secretary/Treasurer D. Wayne Trousdale of Norman, OK were available to greet the tribal members and answer their questions.



Tribal Area Gathering - St. Louis, MO

March 15, 2009



1. Chairman Barrett presents Tristin Stites, age 6, a Pendleton blanket for being the youngest enrolled tribal member at the meeting. Tristin is a descendant of the Greemore family. Tristin presented the Chairman one of his drawings.

2. District #1 Legislator Roy Slavin speaks about elder care while Richard Nourie of Bedford, IN responds favorably. Richard is a member of the Bourassa family.

3. Robert Slavin and wife Connie traveled the longest distance, driving from Des Moines, Iowa to attend the meeting. Robert was presented a travel bag.

4. Richard Wilson Jr. and wife Theresa traveled from Fairfield, IL with their daughters Elaine and Ellen. They are descendants of the McKee family. Shown seated at their table is Terry Johnson of Dardenne Prairie, MO.

5. Kim Rauzi and Patrick of Kansas City, MO. enjoyed visiting about the Citizen Potawatomi Nation heritage. She is a member of the Melott family.

6. A very young Leona June Meyer of Smithton, IL was presented a blanket for being the eldest tribal member in attendance. She is a descendant of the Holloway family.

7. Sean Jackson of Troy, MO had questions regarding the tribe's Community Development Corporation. He is a Pappan descendant.

8. Ann Marie Cobb and husband, David, change from their regalia at the end of the meeting. Ann Marie, a descendant of the Lewis family, lives in Monence, IL.



**Vote
Kelli Jo Willard
Legislative
Representative
District #8**

Fellow District #8 Citizens,

I was raised and educated and have lived and worked in District #8. I now live in Bothell, Washington, a few miles northeast of Seattle. I know the concerns and hopes of the CPN family in this area.

I have training and career experience in communications fields and positions. I will use this to listen to your desires and press them in the CPN legislature.



**Vote
Kelli Jo Willard
CPN Legislature, District #8**

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**CLYDE B. SLAVIN
FOR REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 8**

Rebekah, my daughter, works in downtown Seattle. She walks to work and takes escalators home. Her trip to work is downhill. Instead of climbing the hills to get home, she takes the escalator on the low side of buildings to the next street level and by going through several buildings she does not have to climb so many stairs or hills. When I heard her story, I was pleased with her imaginative and resourceful approach to problem solving.

Have you ever caught a leaf that has fallen from a tree and never touched the ground? Again, Rebekah on her walks to work has created uniqueness in life by taking time to catch those special leaves that have yet to touch earth.

**I AM REMINDED BY STORIES LIKE THE ONES ABOVE
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cian, found the cancer was also in her lymph nodes. "I have been on chemotherapy for nine years, once a week. I just now decided to quit it because it makes me so sick," Mary said.

For his part, LeeRoy is battling prostate and bone cancer.

When asked about what being a Potawatomi tribal member means to her today, Mary Nell said, "I wouldn't be alive if it weren't for the CPN. We're on a fixed income, ya know, and my medicine would cost nearly \$2,000 (a month) if I had to buy it. That Joe LaReau (CPN Pharmacy director) has been so good to me."

Mary Nell added, "We were gonna get our house fixed, but when they started adding up all the costs, (CPN Housing Director) Bob Carlisle said, 'You just need a new house.' I felt so lucky. And they built us a storm shelter, too."

"I know they care about me," Mary continued. "When I got sick, they came and took my tub out because I had trouble getting in it. They built me a walk-in shower."

She concluded, "We need good leaders. The ones we have are honest, good people. I don't think we could do without them."

Married for 63 years, this delightful couple is the epitome of true love. Mary now only leaves the house for doctor appointments and church services. She



LeeRoy Everett

depends on LeeRoy to keep the household tasks done. "I'm a member of Sharon Baptist Church, and I go every Sunday when I feel well enough," she said.

Her advice is "to be loyal to yourself, loyal to your family, and, most of all, loyal to God."

It is evident that she has done just that. With both Mary and LeeRoy battling the cancer, they should be in our thoughts and prayers continually. I felt the Creator's spirit in their humble home. I would urge all of you to visit with your elders as often as possible. Just being in this beautiful, strong-willed matriarch's presence has richly blessed this reporter's life.



Bozho District Three Citizens!

I am very proud to have been allowed to be your initial elected representative for the first fifteen months of our new constitutional government.

I thank you for your confidence in me and am deeply honored to find myself as your uncontested candidate in 2009. I look forward to representing you in the first full four-year term that begins in June of this year.

Our tribal Chairman is running for re-election and I will be voting for his return. He has the experience and has taken us through continuous change for the better. I hope you, too, vote for his continued leadership of our Nation.

My initial pledge was to serve you well and I intend to keep this as my primary objective.

Megwetch,
Bob Whistler/Bmashi

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